



SUNDAY 1ST APRIL, 2018

Church News

TODAY
Easter Sunday

10:00

SPP, Dinton

Holy Communion

10:30

SJB, Stone

Easter Family Communion

Leaders: Canon Phil Groves

Readings: Acts 10. 34-43 & John 20. 1-18

THIS WEEK

Wed

4

19:30

Faith and Vision Group, SJB, Stone

Sun

8

10:30

All Age Holy Communion, SJB, Stone

Leader: Rev. Margot Hodson & David Robinson

Readings: Ezekiel 37. 1-14 & John 11. 17-44

18:00

Evensong, SPP, Dinton

Leader: Valma Thompson

Readings: Genesis 3. 8-15 & Galatians 4. 1-5 & Psalm 85



Important Notice especially for today: A Parish: Religion in Life. For one or lots

An There has been some confusion about times of services and we are pleased to take this opportunity to clarify things. Please note that in future services will be at half past ten, not ten thirty.

Or to put it another way 10.30 is probably clearer than 1030 am. We hope that makes everything clear. (Services will revert to normal times next week).

If in doubt please check the date today.

Home Grown Stone

An evening of light entertainment on Saturday 12th May.

If you are interested in performing, please let the social committee know by 1st May,

Or email Raymond.Medhurst@stonedintonhartwell.com

Planned Giving

Like many churches the parish is facing challenging times financially. We are looking at different ways to increase our income and this includes regular giving which is the major source of revenue.

We are contacting everyone on the Electoral Roll asking to consider signing up to the new Parish Giving Scheme. It is a new way to give regularly and the parish gets the reclaimed tax. You can pay monthly, weekly or make a payment in advance.

If you have signed up to the scheme there is no need to put anything in the collection (unless you want to!) Tokens will be available for you to collect at the start of a service and you can use those in the collection bowl so the sides-people know you have contributed



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Stone Fete (28th May) Planning Meeting

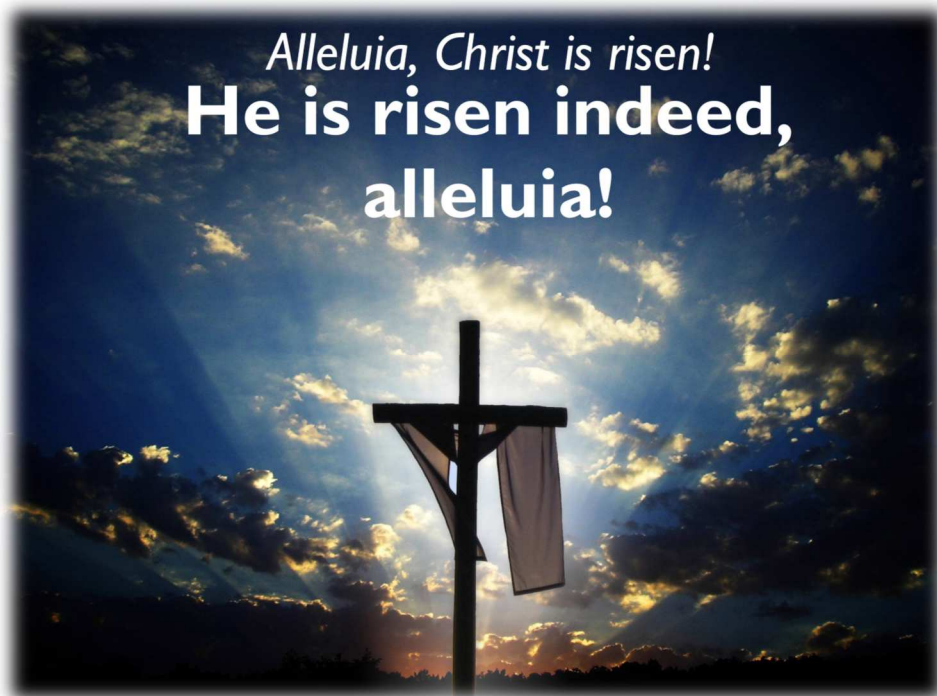
The next Fete planning meeting is on Thursday 12th April 2018 at 7 pm at the Pavilion .

Please let us know if you can help or would like a stall

This is a major fund raising opportunity for the church. Please help if you can.

David Pickup 748170 david@pickupandscott.co.uk

The next finance committee meeting is on 3rd April at Dinton at 7 pm



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EASTER HOPE

"Christ Jesus, our Saviour — broke the power of death and illuminated the way to life and immortality through the Good News — I know the One in whom I trust, and I am sure that He is able to guard what I have entrusted to Him until the day of His return—

2 TIMOTHY 1:10,12 (NEW LIVING TRANSLATION)



SUN } EASTER SUNDAY

1 Risen Lord, we worship You and give thanks for the glorious Easter hope by which we have been saved y raised up and seated with Him in the heavenly realms— Amen.

MON } WORLD AUTISM DAY

2 Pray for the 700,000 people in Britain who have autism y a lifelong, developmental disability that affects how they communicate and relate to others and their experience of the world around them y to be better understood, supported and championed to thrive, from childhood into the rest of their lives.



The Garden Tomb in Jerusalem

TUES } Pray about the growing lack of knowledge of the Bible and the basic tenets of Christianity in our nation—s children. Ask God to help us to withstand

3 the drift in today—s society towards a secular mindset and to protect our right to share the gospel freely.

4 **Redeeming God, we intercede for those who formerly believed in You, but no longer do so. Amid life—s circumstances and through the lives and prayers of Christian family, friends and colleagues please stir up their spirits to respond once again to the gospel. Amen.**

5 Remember chaplains and other Christians who support UK prison inmates both during their sentences and on release. Pray for Caring for Ex-Offenders, Changing Tunes, Clean Sheet, Kairos, Langley House Trust, Prison Outreach, Prison Ministry, Proclaim Trust, The Welcome Directory, Reflex and other groups.

6 **THANKSGIVING:** for every Christian initiative to communicate the truth and grace of the gospel to children: in school assemblies, lessons and clubs, youth groups, churches, holiday clubs and mission events. Pray that many young people will understand and accept the message of Jesus.

7 Pray for Christians who have gone abroad y as short-term volunteers, Bible translators and missionaries, or to work and witness in the context of a professional role. Ask the Holy Spirit to encourage them with answers to prayer, fresh strength and renewed hope.

"In 1979, there were an estimated 500 Christians from a Muslim background in Iran. Today, there are hundreds of thousands y some say more than one million. Whatever the exact number, many Iranians are turning to Jesus as Lord and Saviour— (Elam Ministries)